

HE RANG UP ANOTHER.

A Sober Man's Funny Experience With a Fare Register.

Sometimes things happen to men who are perfectly sober. This one happened on a north bound "limits" car.

The car was crowded, and when Schiller street was reached, the lady who sat just about amidships was unable to attract the attention of the conductor to have him signal so she might get off.

Mr. Sanborn is always gracious, always suave, always courteous. He saw beauty in distress, and he believed in helping his neighbor. So he reached up to the cord and rang the bell. Of course it was the wrong cord, and the arrow on the face of the cash register moved up from 68 to 66.

It is not recorded that a conductor ever failed to notice it when this sort of blunder occurred. And so the conductor, far away as he was, out of sight of the passenger's signal, began to edge his way forward through the crowd, vengeance threatened by his manner.

Of course the passengers tittered, and Mr. Sanborn should have turned red. But he didn't.

He awaited the approach of the collision with the same suavity. The lady in whose behalf the harm was done had left him to his fate and was edging to the front door as the car came to a halt. "Who rang up that fare?" demanded the man with a proper grievance.

"I did," manfully replied the culprit. He afterward avowed that he was ready to plead guilty in any other language, if, as he expected, the conductor might not be fluent with English.

The representative of corporations lost no time. He expressed various opinions, all tending to a harmony of result, of the man who would do such a consummately idiotic trick as to ring up a fare instead of pulling the signal bell. Of course from his point of view it was a stupid trick. The conductor who would be so stupid would have trouble in maintaining his standing with the authorities of the line.

But Mr. Sanborn wasn't a conductor and didn't want to be. He accepted the situation, and when the conductor reached the end, he was ready.

"You'll have to pay that fare," concluded the conductor.

"Very well, I can do it," said Mr. Sanborn, handing a silver dime to his assailant.

The latter fished around in his pocket for the nickel that was due in return.

Then came Mr. Sanborn's revenge. "You may keep the change," he said, with the same unflinching suavity. "I want to ring it again."

And ring it again he did, to the delight of the sympathetic passengers, who had before enjoyed the situation and now found their pleasure multiplied. But the dumfounded conductor squeezed his way back to his domain of the platform and muttered, "Well, I'm darned."

—Chicago Record.

Sir Henry Calcraft.

Sir Henry Calcraft, who died the other day, was for many years one of the best known and most popular men in the social life of London. In a sketch of his career The St. James Gazette says: "There was a famous hangman of the name of Calcraft, and Sir Henry used to be jokingly known as the Hangman—a title he would laughingly accept. The position he held in public and social life may not inaptly be indicated by recalling the circumstances that his name was freely canvassed as that of Mr. Delane's successor in the editorship of The Times. He knew nothing of journalism in its practical aspects, but he had an unrivaled knowledge of the men and affairs of his time, and it was this fact and the reputation he had acquired as a man of signal penetration and soundness of judgment that led to the association of his name with the editorship. Sir Henry had never dulled the brightness of his outlook on life by accepting the responsibilities of matrimony. He was a confirmed bachelor, who retained to middle age the gaiety of youth."

A New Test of Sobriety.

Shibboleths to test sobriety, or comparative sobriety, in the case of supposed drunkards have often been heard of, and have generally been looked upon as jokes for the dinner table or the smoking room. From a case reported at the Westminster police court, it appears that a doctor, examined as a witness, has invented a test phrase which he regards as infallible. It is, "The artillery extinguished the conflagration early." This may be very effective, and it was tried successfully on a cabman (the defendant), but the doctor need not have taxed his inventive powers. There is the "Peter Piper" test, and two more not quite so elaborate. "Biblical criticism" and "British constitution" have long been favorite tests, but the best is probably "Mrs. Smith's fish sauce shop."—London News.

Lincoln's Grammar.

The grammar studied by Abraham Lincoln when he clerked in Dutton Offutt's store at New Salem in 1830 is in North Dakota, in the possession of the widow of Robert Rutledge of Casselton. In the inside of the front cover is a receipt for \$30, given with an order on James Rutledge by Offutt in Lincoln's handwriting and over his signature.—Indianapolis Journal.

Germany and Steam.

In Adolph Welter's queer little volume of mechanical statistics and oddities, which bears the very appropriate title of "Curiosities of the Steam Engine," we find the following: "The very first steam engine which ever revolved its wheels in Germany was set in motion by Harkort at Freiberg on Aug. 28, 1765."

In all governments there must of necessity be both the law and the sword; laws without swords would give us not liberty, but license; and arms without laws would produce not subjection, but slavery.—Colton.

IN HUB MARKETS.

Higher Prices on Strictly Fine Fresh Butter.

No Change in Cheese—Eggs Plentiful.

Potatoes a Little Higher—Beans Away.

Down—Cattle and Wool Markets.

Boston, Feb. 27.—The tendency of the butter market is still upward. Prices in the west have advanced 1 to 2 cents, and New York has gained about 2 cents within the past week. Boston has moved up about 1 cent, and is still the highest market in the country on strictly fine fresh stock.

So far the upward movement seems to be perfectly legitimate. Although the quality of fresh receipts is gradually improving, the supply is not fully equal to the demand, and consequently buyers are forced to pay a little more for the right kind.

The trade are now running almost wholly on fresh made butter, and prices are not yet unreasonably high. For the season, the consumption is pretty large. Orders are coming in more freely from out-of-town places, which have been working on old stock, and in this way a large quantity of fresh butter is used up.

In all sections the butter market seems to be working satisfactorily, and there is every reason to expect a healthy movement for the remainder of the season. But it is to be hoped that no undue inflation of values will be attempted, for it would surely be followed by a collapse, which would have a bad effect on summer operations.

The cold storage stock was reduced 2200 tubs, and on Saturday the stock stood at 12,277 tubs against 20,183 tubs the same time last year. Of this amount, only a small proportion is choice, and it cannot interfere much, if any, with the consumption of choice new arrivals, which were cleaned up pretty well last week.

Last week's receipts did not increase as much as was expected. The aggregate for five days (Saturdays receipts were not counted) was 556,345 pounds against 614,568 pounds the previous week, and 611,935 pounds the corresponding week last year. For the past two days receipts show some gain, but considering that Saturdays are included, they are not very large.

The exports last week were 52,015 pounds against 51,195 pounds the week previous, and 6881 pounds corresponding week last year. This shows that the shipments were about 1000 tubs, or twice as much as the week before, and largely ahead of last year. Most of the butter sent off was of a low grade, which is just the kind we want to get rid of.

Cheddar and Eggs.

The advance in butter has not yet affected the cheddar market, and trade is running along in about the same groove as for several weeks past. Buyers are taking small lots as wanted at 10 to 11 cents for best fat, and at 7 to 9 cents for summer stock.

Some of the dealers reported more inquiry and were expecting a large business during the remainder of the week, because their customers were running short on supplies, but there was nothing in the general situation that warranted any better prices.

It was hard to get over 18 cents for best western eggs, though early in the day sales were made at 15½ cents. Fresh eastern sold at 14 to 14½ cents, but mainly in small lots. Southern eggs, which are giving better satisfaction than usual, were sold at 12½ cents.

Last year at this time there was an egg famine, and prices ran up to 32 cents a dozen. Receipts for the whole month of February were 11,880 cases and five barrels. This month so far they are over 45,000 cases.

Other Produce.

Potatoes are higher, and sales of choice eastern hebrons are made at 25 to 26 cents a bushel, the highest rate for several weeks. White stock sells at 25 to 26 cents. The surplus stock has been pretty well disposed of, and with moderate receipts the advance may be sustained.

There is no improvement in beans. Prices of choice marrow pea are down to \$1.30, and choice mediums to \$1.25 a bushel, with a limited demand. Best yellow eyes are slow at not over \$1.35 a bushel.

Choice baldwin apples are selling better and fancy lots run up to \$3.50 a barrel, though for most lots \$3.25 is a full rate.

Choice turkeys and chickens are meeting with a fair sale, but dealers are afraid that advanced prices would check consumption.

The Produce Quotations.

HAY—Hay is reported steady and firm. Straw is pretty firm, with the best of the season. Bran is steady. Hay, \$18@19; oat straw, \$10@11; sack sorghum bran to arrive, \$10@11; mixed feed, \$14@15; middling, \$12@13; mixed feed, \$14@15; ground wheat, \$12@13; dog, \$12@13; cottonseed meal, \$12@13; 22 to arrive; mixed meal, to arrive; mixed meal, to arrive.

CORN—Corns are fully sustained to firm. No 1 clipped to arrive are quoted at 25½¢; No 2 clipped, 25¢; No 3 white, 24½¢; No 4 white, 24¢; No 5 white, 23½¢; No 6 white, 23¢; No 7 white, 22½¢; No 8 white, 22¢; No 9 white, 21½¢; No 10 white, 21¢; No 11 white, 20½¢; No 12 white, 20¢; No 13 white, 19½¢; No 14 white, 19¢; No 15 white, 18½¢; No 16 white, 18¢; No 17 white, 17½¢; No 18 white, 17¢; No 19 white, 16½¢; No 20 white, 16¢; No 21 white, 15½¢; No 22 white, 15¢; No 23 white, 14½¢; No 24 white, 14¢; No 25 white, 13½¢; No 26 white, 13¢; No 27 white, 12½¢; No 28 white, 12¢; No 29 white, 11½¢; No 30 white, 11¢; No 31 white, 10½¢; No 32 white, 10¢; No 33 white, 9½¢; No 34 white, 9¢; No 35 white, 8½¢; No 36 white, 8¢; No 37 white, 7½¢; No 38 white, 7¢; No 39 white, 6½¢; No 40 white, 6¢; No 41 white, 5½¢; No 42 white, 5¢; No 43 white, 4½¢; No 44 white, 4¢; No 45 white, 3½¢; No 46 white, 3¢; No 47 white, 2½¢; No 48 white, 2¢; No 49 white, 1½¢; No 50 white, 1¢; No 51 white, ½¢; No 52 white, ¼¢; No 53 white, ⅓¢; No 54 white, ⅔¢; No 55 white, ⅑¢; 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Closing Announcement!

In closing up my twenty years of busi-
ness life in Andover, I desire to express
at this time my hearty appreciation of
the assistance and kind patronage of so
many Andover citizens during these
years.

I wish also to bespeak for the young
men who are to follow me the same gen-
erous feeling that has been extended to me
for so long a time. Both have been for
many years closely allied to the tailoring
trade of Andover and I am confident
that they will give a good account of
themselves in the conduct of whatever
business may be entrusted to their care.

While regretting the necessity for go-
ing to Lawrence to carry on my business
I believe the citizens of Andover will
plainly see the trend of affairs that makes
such necessity. The larger field and the
growing tendency for retail business to
centre in large cities offers inducements
that cannot be overlooked.

In my belief that I have succeeded in
past years in catering to the wants of
Andover trade I desire at this time to
call to their attention my increased
facilities at Lawrence.

My store will be found to be thoroughly
fitted with a complete line of men's, boys'
and children's ready made clothing, fur-
nishings, hats, caps, etc., which will be
supplied with a continued effort to supply
the wants of the custom tailoring trade
at popular cash prices. It will be my
special aim to keep reliable goods that are
guaranteed in every particular, which, if
not satisfactory may be returned. I shall
open my new store at 395 Essex Street
on March 20 and a cordial invitation is
extended to all Andover friends to call.

JOSEPH M. BRADLEY.

NOTICE.

The subscriber will pay a reward of Twenty-
five Dollars for information which will lead to
the arrest and conviction of the person or per-
sons who recently broke into and entered his
cottage at Haggitts Pond.

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PERFECT HEALTH!



Frequently depends on the eye sight. Many
persons suffer the torments of almost constant
headache, and the long train of subsequent ill-
ness, simply because of imperfections of the eyes or
the use of imperfectly fitted glasses. In either
case come to us and let us see if the trouble isn't
something an expert optician can remove.

J. E. WHITING,
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1896.

The Charges Against Andover.

As there has been considerable stir
in a certain Lawrence paper in regard
to the administration of town affairs as
related to the liquor question in Andover,
we are constrained to put before the
citizens of Andover the following in
regard to the reason for the stir, the
facts relating to the case and a few con-
clusions to be drawn from both.

In the Summer of 1895, a certain
newspaper publisher of Lawrence and a
temporary resident of Andover was
arrested on complaint, for gunning on
the Sabbath day. After his arrest he
at once called upon several citizens and
endeavored to have the affair hushed up.
Mr. Bliss, chairman of the board of
Selectmen, was one of the men whose
aid was thus sought, and he assured
said publisher of any help he could
properly afford him.

Upon investigation however, Mr.
Bliss ascertained that said publisher
had further provoked the police and
the judge by charges and threats and
that the case was one that did not de-
serve aid from him.

The publisher was found guilty and
recently paid a fine at the Superior
Court. Since his arrest, the man has
been very active in his efforts to "get
even" with the Selectman who would
not help him, the police who arrested
him, and every friend that they will
have in Andover. The principal work to
this end has been a series of articles in
the paper published under his charge,
full of insinuations and indirect charges
to bring in disfavor Mr. Bliss and the
police, in the minds of Andover citizens,
but containing not one direct charge.
The charges have received the attention
they deserved in being utterly
ignored by most of our citizens, but as
election day approaches, and the man's
aim is more apparent, it is deemed wise
that they shall, once and for all be in-
vestigated, and that the result of such
investigation shall be made known to
the voters of Andover.

The insinuations are that the drug-
gists of Andover sell liquor openly and
that the police are corrupt, and that
the Selectmen, one of whom it is de-
sired to overthrow, are responsible
for such violation. As to the first; the
writer has interviewed many prominent
business men, many professional men,
and scores of others and the emphatic
statement without exception, is ex-
pressed in the words of one of the
most prominent "I believe Andover
was never so free from the rum curse
as to-day, so far as local sales are con-
cerned." In regard to the charges
that students get liquor in Andover,
all of the members of the faculty, who
were interviewed, assert their belief
that the liquor used by the students is
brought home by themselves from Bos-
ton or Lawrence or brought to them by
express. In regard to the police there
is but one regular official, what the
others may do when off duty cannot
be controlled by the Selectmen or any
one else.

The Board of Selectmen as a body
have no more to do with enforcing the
liquor law than has any private citizen.
Any investigation of a liquor nuisance
can be made only on complaint and the
Selectmen say that not one complaint
as to the violation of this law has ever
been made to them by any one.

The druggists of Andover, with one
exception, have been serving the citi-
zens in a legitimate way for many
years, and not a word of reproach has
ever been uttered against them. It is
the way in some cities for the private
character of any candidate for office to
be assailed and his business life brought
in disrepute if possible. Mr. Bliss re-
fuses to discuss this matter further
than to express his gratitude for the
cordial good will extended to him by so
many citizens, and his willingness to
let the voters, who have known his
business life for over twenty years, set-
tle the matter themselves.

We believe the voters may be safely
trusted on the eve of the town's 25th
birthday not to forsake the traditions
and history which show that un-
handed methods in political life have
never prevailed.

Editorial Clinders.

Shall licenses be granted? Vote "No!"

A reward is offered elsewhere for
the conviction of the persons who
broke into one of the cottages at Hag-
gett's recently. It is a pity that such
mischief makers can't be caught and
punished as they deserve.

The state surveyors have made plans
this week for an extension of the state
highway as far as Harding Street. It
looks as if Selectman Bliss's cup might
yet be full, inasmuch as a state road
from the Lawrence line to Reading is
supposed to be enough to fill it. If it
comes it will be largely due to his per-
sistent efforts.

There is a general impression abroad
that owing to the slight interest in the
coming town meeting there is likely to
be a small vote cast. We hope this is
not to be so. Even if there is but little
interest in the office to be filled it is a
duty not to be neglected for every citi-
zen to register his choice where there
is a choice to be had. There is another
question also that must not be ne-
glected and that is the license question.
Their is enough liquor carted into An-
dover without having it a public com-
modity in our midst, let us register six
hundred "Noes."

Obituary.

MRS. MARY ANN PERRIN.

Mrs. Mary Ann Perrin, widow of Wil-
liam Perrin, died of apoplexy in Concord,
N. H., Monday, 24th inst, at the advanced
age of 78 years, 11 months. The family
for over thirty years lived in the well
known Perrin house on the River road to
Lawrence, West Andover.

Mrs. Perrin was a respected friend and
neighbor in North Tewksbury and on the
edge of Andover. She was for many
years an earnest member of the North
Tewksbury Church, in which are many of
her old friends. Her industry, self-sacri-
fice and kindly spirit were manifest to all.
She is survived by two sons, W. Hiram
Perrin of Concord, N. H., with whom her
home has been for the past six years, and
Gilbert Perrin of Lowell.

The funeral services were held by Rev.
Edward W. Pride in the chapel of the
Lowell cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

RODOLPH MCISAAC.

Yesterday afternoon occurred the death
of Rodolph McIsaac at his home on Flo-
rence Street, after a short illness of pneu-
monia. He was a well known resident,
having lived in town many years and be-
ing employed at the Smith & Dove Mills.
He was a respected, quiet, honest-going
citizen. He was a member of Lincoln
Lodge, A. O. U. W., and Indian Ridge
Council, Royal Arcanum. He leaves a
widow and daughter. The funeral will
occur on Sunday afternoon.

JENNIE SMITHSON.

The Advertiser of Tiffin, O., last week
contained a notice of the death of a young
lady who formerly lived here. She had
many friends here, who will be interested
in the account:

"The death of Miss Jennie Smithson,
which occurred at the home of her moth-
er, Mrs. J. A. Smithson, 20 Liberty Street
at four o'clock this morning, casts a pall
over all that portion of the city and
brings sadness to the hearts of all to
whom the young lady was known in life.
She was born in Rawden, England, Sept.
10, 1874, and was aged twenty-one years,
five months and eight days at the time of
her demise.

The family removed to America five
years ago and lived for some time at An-
dover, Massachusetts, coming to Tiffin
less than two years ago. Miss Jennie
was a most amiable and estimable young
lady and was held in the highest esteem
by a large circle of friends. In works of
charity she was never found wanting and
almost invariably was found at the bed-
side of the sick and afflicted. By her
care and self-sacrifice many an invalid
has been restored to health and these are
almost prostrated at her sad and untimely
death. She was an active and faithful
member of the First Methodist Protestant
Church and nowhere, except in the
sorrowing home circle, will she be more
missed than by those associated in the
work of the church. Her illness extend-
ed over a period of two weeks and death
was caused by typhoid fever. The moth-
er, sisters and two brothers are prostrated
with grief over the death of their loved
one, and have the tender sympathy of
many friends in their bereavement.

Good Chance to Help a Boy.

An opportunity is offered the Society of
Organized Charities to place a boy in a
school where he will receive such training
as seems to be specially needed in his case.

For this purpose, funds are required,
and the society asks that any persons who
may be inclined to assist in this particular
work will send their contributions, or ap-
ply for further information, to J. Newton
Cole, chairman of the committee having
this matter in charge.

Weather Record.

Temperature taken in the morning be-
tween 5 and 7 o'clock, and at noon
between 12 and 1 o'clock.

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PHILLIPS ACADEMY ALUMNI.

The Biennial Dinner Brings Together 150
Graduates of this Great School.

The biennial dinner of the Phillips
Academy Alumni Association was held
at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Wednes-
day evening, and about 150 graduates of
this famous preparatory school attended.
It is spoken of as one of the most enjoy-
able reunions in the history of the organ-
ization. There was a reception from 5 to
6 and dinner. The menu cards, which
were from the office of the Andover Press,
were very neat and appropriate, contain-
ing pictures of the Seminary Arch, Acad-
emy, science building and gymnasium.
The president, Rev. E. G. Porter, pre-
sided. It was voted that the association
meet annually at Andover, in connection
with the regular graduation exercises in
June.

Officers were elected as follows: Presi-
dent, Dr. William E. Park of Groverville,
N. Y.; vice-presidents, Hon. Moses T.
Stevens of North Andover, Richard H.
Stearns of Boston, Charles P. Clark of
New Haven, Conn., Col. Charles W.
Pickering of Greenland, N. H., Richard
T. Greene of New York City, Prof.
Henry H. Donaldson of Chicago, Gen.
William D. Sawyer of Dover, N. H.;
secretary, George T. Eaton; treasurer,
George D. Pettie; executive committee,
George W. W. Dove, George R. Blodgett,
James H. Ropes, Fred W. Moore.

A double quartet from the Glee Club
rendered several selections. The speak-
ers of the evening were Dr. Bancroft,
Lieut. Gov. Wolcott, Mayor Quincy,
Thornton Kirkland, Lothrop of Boston,
Prof. D. Y. Comstock, Prof. George Har-
ris, Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., of
New York, Fred W. Moore and Burns
Henry of the class of '96.

Two handsome oil-painted portraits,
which hung on the walls of the dining
room, attracted a great deal of attention
during the evening. One was a portrait
of Oliver Wendell Holmes, which had
been presented to the Academy by the
sons of John Charles Phillips of the
class of '64. The other was a portrait
of John Thornton Lothrop, once Presi-
dent of Harvard College, and a gradu-
ate of and Professor at the Phillips An-
dover Academy. This had been pre-
sented to the Academy by Mr. Thornton
Kirkland Lothrop of Boston, his grand
nephew.

Annual Meeting of the Merrimack Valley Congregational Club.

The annual meeting of the Merrimack
Valley Congregational Club was held at
the First Church, Lowell, Monday even-
ing, several attending from this town.
The election of officers for the year 1896
resulted as follows:

President, Rev. George H. Reed, Haver-
hill; vice-presidents, Joseph Walworth,
Lawrence, Newton P. Frye, North And-
over, Willard Everett, Lowell, Hazen M.
Chase, Haverhill; secretary, I. Warren
Bisbee, Lowell; treasurer, Charles W.
Durant, Lowell; auditor, M. W. Hanson,
Haverhill; executive committee, Green-
ville Hovey, Lowell, George T. Eaton,
Andover, Wilbur E. Rowell, Lawrence;
nominating committee, Rev. Calvin M.
Clark, Haverhill, Joseph H. Stone, North
Andover, Rev. F. R. Shipman, Andover,
Joseph L. Sedley, Lowell, Jacob Em-
erson, Methuen; reception committee, Rev.
George H. Johnson, Lowell, E. W. Bout-
well, Andover, Gordon C. Cannon, Law-
rence, E. A. Emerson, Haverhill, Henry
M. Southworth, Lowell; necrologist, Rev.
John M. Greene, Lowell.

Rev. Dr. Greene, the necrologist, gave
in his report a touching tribute to the late
Rev. Mr. Keese of Lawrence.
The speakers of the evening were Rev.
Charles B. Rice, D. D., of Danvers, whose
topic was "The elevating power of great
lives," and Rev. George H. Gutterston of
Boston, who spoke upon "The making of
a statesman." The lives of Washington
and Lincoln were the general themes of
the respective speakers.

A Japanese Tea.

The meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of
Foreign Missions was invested with new
interests by being held at the home of
Miss Alice Rogers on Tuesday of this
week. Few homes could have produced
an effect so quaint by bringing forth hid-
den treasures from foreign shores, which
made an environment quite unusual and
in vivid contrast to our regular meetings.
The subject was Japan and we listened
with great interest to a carefully prepared
paper on the Doshisha by Mrs. Carlton
of the South Church, a letter from Corea
read by Miss Goff of the Free Church.
Life in Japan, as given in private letters
from Mrs. Samuel Battlett, was read by
Mrs. Joseph Smith who generously add-
ed glimpses of the family of Dr. Gordon, not
so often reported in missionary meetings.
Various objects of interest from Japan
were shown, and their meaning explained,
while all were allowed to admire and ex-
amine an exquisite dress of satin, beau-
tifully made and worn by her daughter.
Our doorkeepers and hostesses greeted
us in Japanese costumes, which added
much to the interest of the occasion. Mrs.
Robinson of the South Church presented
a valuable paper on the recent deputa-
tion to Japan, and Mrs. Paine from the Chapel
Church gave a report of Mr. Gallick's
talk on Japan given before the Society of
Inquiry at the Seminary. Mrs. Whitney
sang us a lullaby song showing all na-
tions are akin in mother love.

At the close, a social hour was spent
sipping tea from dainty cups, and all
present rejoiced to feel that missionary
meetings, carefully planned, could be
made as attractive as any other.

NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Birthday of Lincoln Lodge A. O. U. W.
Pleasantly Celebrated at the Town Hall.

The members of Lincoln Lodge No. 78,
A. O. U. W. never allow a birthday to
pass without some special observance
and entertainment for themselves and
friends. In past years this event has
taken place in their own small hall, but
it was decided to make the ninth a larger
affair and accordingly the Town Hall was
engaged for last Friday evening. The
entertainment was entirely complimentary
and over five hundred tickets were
given away. From the appearance of the
interior of the hall, it seemed as if nearly
every one of those tickets was represented
there. Every available seat was taken
and many were standing.

The program was as follows:

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| Selection. | ORCHESTRA |
| Nominate. | G. M. W., GEORGE F. HIGGINS |
| Selection. | ORCHESTRA |
| "Wisdom of the Ages," or "The Education of a Candidate." | |
| M. M. W. | G. A. HIGGINS |
| S. M. W. | GEORGE C. FORTER |
| J. M. W. | SIMON WRIGLEY |
| S. R. | F. M. SMITH |
| W. F. | IRA O. GRAY |
| Standing Army—JOHN GARRICK, M. T. WELCH, JAMES GROVESMAN, DAVID LORR, GEORGE HIGGINS, EDWARD HILTON, EDWARD FLYNN | |
| P. and M. E. | E. E. TREFFRY |
| M. R. T. | DANIEL HILTON |
| S. R. | EDWARD FLYNN |
| S. | FRED M. HILL |
| Candidates. | T. E. RHODES |
| Selection. | ORCHESTRA |

Grand Master Workman Higgins spoke
about twenty minutes on A. O. U. W.
matters, in a most interesting manner.
He is an excellent speaker and the audi-
ence gave him the closest attention.

The mock initiation was performed in
the centre of the hall which was arranged
in the form of a regular lodge room.
This took about an hour and was extreme-
ly amusing. The officers were costumed
in sheets, black masks and tall white caps
marked with skull and bones, while the
standing army were dressed in a ludicrous
manner. All took their parts well, the
candidate doing especially well and
bravely standing the "fearful tests" to
which he was subjected. His costume
and make up were very laughable.

After this the remainder of the evening
was enjoyed in dancing. The Andover
Band Orchestra, six pieces, furnished
music. Visitors were present from Low-
ell, Lawrence and Methuen.

The following gentlemen were respon-
sible for the success of the affair: Com-
mittee of arrangements, T. E. Rhodes,
Simon Wrigley, E. E. Treffry; floor di-
rector, Frank M. Smith; aids, E. E. Tre-
ffry, Daniel Hilton, George C. Foster,
James Grovesman, R. Eastwood, John
Fraser; reception committee, Edward
Howarth, Fred Hulme.

ABBOTT VILLAGE.

The following resolutions have been
prepared by the Burns Club on the death
of the late John S. Harris:

WHEREAS, The late John S. Harris, a
member of the Andover Burns Club, has
been removed from our midst by death,
it is

Resolved—That by his death, we have
lost a valuable member, whose willing
and obliging habits and courteous man-
ner had won our esteem and admiration.

Resolved—That the sympathy of this
Club be conveyed to the widow of our
deceased fellow member, committing her
in this hour of bereavement to the kin-
dly consolation of Him who doeth all
things well.

Resolved—That a copy of the resolu-
tions suitably engrossed, and signed by
the president and secretary of this Club
be submitted to the widow of the late
John S. Harris.

Resolved—That the resolutions be
spread on the records of this Club, and
published in the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN
and the Lawrence American and Andover
Advertiser.

The postponed meeting of the Coal
Society was held on Tuesday evening.
The very gratifying result of last
year's work has encouraged the pro-
moters of the society to enlarge their
field this year, and the membership
will be open to any resident of the
town. The same board of officers as
last year will serve again for the com-
ing season. Any person wishing to join
must make application at once to James
Carrie.

The regular meeting of the Burns Club
was held last Saturday evening, and
proved fully as enjoyable as the past
meetings this season have been. The
positions of secretary and custodian,
left vacant by the death of John Harris
were filled by the selection of J. C. An-
gus as secretary, and John McDermott
as custodian. The program of the even-
ing consisted of readings by Joseph W.
Smith, David L. Lillie, Herbert Hill, A. B.
Saunders; songs by C. J. Stone, William
Scott, and James Callum, an ocarina solo
by James Callum and a humorous ad-
dress by P. F. Gilbert. The next meet-
ing will be public and will be devoted
to an essay on "The City of London"
by J. W. Smith. The club decided to
close this year's work with a "Ladies
Night" to be held the last of March.

The windows of W. H. Floyd & Co.,
speak of the new spring styles in hats and
fancy shirts. Their display is the finest
by far ever shown in this city, and the
people can find the nobbiest gown in their
store that the trade has gone to Boston or
elsewhere for before. Patronize home
merchants.

LAXOL, the new Castor Oil, is being
sold in hospitals. It is sweet as honey.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The TOWNSMAN welcomes communications to these columns, but does not hold itself responsible for any opinions expressed therein.

To Editor Andover Townsman:

The Andover correspondent of the *Lawrence American* has lately inflicted on the readers of that publication a deluge of twattle, rich in innuendoes, and replete with tautologous errors but entirely destitute of any specified charge.

In one article he makes an incoherent appeal for better local government, interlarded with mysterious allusions to certain transactions about a Thanksgiving celebration, winding up his tirade with a dab at the police.

He furthermore has the assurance to assert that the candidates whose cause he champions, will prove a more efficient Selectman than the present incumbent, although the only argument he advances in substantiation is said candidate's excessive sobriety. I freely grant that temperance principles are highly desirable in a public official, but we would suggest that it is not the only requisite qualification.

As regards the prevention of the use of intoxicants in Andover, it would be interesting to hear the method our critic would adopt. Would he grant the police power to search all passengers by steam cars or electric, or would he institute a system of domiciliary visits by a Prohibition committee, headed by the Selectman of strong temperance proclivities. I am afraid that Andover is hardly ripe enough for such advanced paternalism yet.

One thing is plainly apparent in the article, his utter failure to substantiate any reasonable charges of incompetency on the part of present powers that be, in the disbursement of public funds or distribution of work. Therefore, we should heartily endorse the sentiment advanced by many citizens, that, if the present officials are satisfactory, seek no change.

The most charitable construction to place on the *American* correspondent's effusion is to impute it to campaign tactics, as the stereotyped expressions, such as "blight of underhand political chicanery," etc., seems to indicate. Or, failing that, the correspondent's apparent case of sour grapes. If the latter, why not bestow on him one of the five offices on the Celebration Committee he so plaintively charges you with absorbing? By so doing you will appease his wrath, by assisting him to secure the prominence his spirit is evidently craving for, and confer a favor on readers of the *American* who object to have its columns filled with what the late B. Disraeli would term "the hair-brained chatter of an irresponsible frivolity."

AMITY.

Editor of the Townsman:

In reading the items in the *Lawrence American* relating to the sale of liquor in Andover and the editorial comments thereon in the TOWNSMAN, the query arose in my mind why are not the citizens of the town honest with themselves in regard to the matter. There is a certain class of citizens I will allow who know almost nothing of what goes on in town and who honestly believe that a vote for no license means that there is to be no liquor sold in town. To this class we can say nothing, except that they are mistaken in their conclusions.

But there is a much larger class who go to the polls and deposit a ballot for no license who know that there will be just as much liquor sold as though there were a half a dozen open bar rooms in town and that it means practically a monopoly of the rum business by the druggists and expressmen and who will wink and smile at the number of dress suit cases which go and come between Boston and Andover. Andover is not the only town so situated, nor do I believe it the worst town in regard to such abuse, on the contrary, I believe it has less illegal selling to day than ever, but it is also not the only town where the no license vote causes fraud and deception to be used; and for what end? To try and make outsiders believe that the town is purer than its neighbors, who license the traffic. Men who have been in the world much, know this is fallacy and that liquor can be obtained in any quantities desired in any no license town or prohibition state.

Why then should we keep on trying to deceive ourselves and innocent people who are actually deceived? Why should the expressman and druggists reap all the financial benefits? Let us give a hotel keeper a chance. Vote yes on the license question and get a good hotel built, receive an income of from seven to ten thousand dollars to assist in making needed improvements, and above all stop this school for deception.

J. S.

Andover, Feb. 27, 1896.

Editor of the Townsman:

DEAR SIR: If not too late, I desire to suggest to our friend, Mr. B. Rogers, that he withdraw from the present contest for Selectman and enter the arena from the Ballard Vale district for 1896, when we desire to answer that oft repeated question; viz., "Haven't you a better man?" etc., to represent your South District? Provided, however, that the "competency" of the candidate standstill approved after having been passed upon by that power which makes or unmake laws, qualifies or disqualifies, approves or disapproves such as will. Or in other words shall be able to withstand "the vivisection" which arrant ignorance and reckless animosities alone approve.

In the meantime Ballard Vale will have faithful and characteristic representation.

JUNIOR, 1896-6.

The Last Abbot Academy Recital.

A CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC.

The question is often asked, "What is chamber music?" Strictly speaking it is any music which may be suitably played in a small place—a room rather than a hall, but the term is generally understood to be music performed by a string quartet—that is, two violins, viola and cello. The great masters of quartet writing are Haydn (1732-1809), Mozart (1756-1791) and Beethoven (1770-1827).

It will be observed in the program of the Boston String Quartet which is to be played Thursday, March 5, in the November Club House, that typical works of these masters are arranged chronologically.

The origin of the quartet was the invention of four part harmony, but it was a long time before a composition for four instruments came to be regarded as a distinct and worthy means for the expression of musical ideas. With the symphony was born the string quartet as we now understand it—the symphony in miniature, and both born of the same father, Haydn. Eighty-three quartets of Haydn are catalogued and printed, and of them all, the one upon our program, if not the most elaborate, is certainly one of the most vigorous and masterly.

Mozart, with his splendid genius for polyphony as well as melody, at once appreciated the great step Haydn had taken in the development of instrumental music, and dedicated to him a set of six quartets for stringed instruments, of which that in E flat major, No. 4, is fourth in most editions, and was probably written in 1783.

There is nothing, indeed, in musical literature more striking or interesting than the influence Haydn had over the mighty genius of Mozart, and then the irresistible power Mozart in turn exercised over his older, more firmly established contemporary.

But the extraordinary development of the art of part writing and the manner in which the most elaborate compositions have been evolved from apparently inadequate materials is shown to such an extent in Beethoven's quartets that not only do they eclipse all others, but they make them seem as faint outlines, or shadowy pencil marks, by the side of a vigorous finished picture.

No longer do we feel that the lower parts are of less prominence than the first violin—for if that has fine running passages, those of the second violin and viola are not a whit inferior. Does the first violin sing a celestial adagio the cello is not put off with mere bass notes to mark the time, and all four participate equally in the merriment of the scherzo and dash of the finale.

Beethoven wrote sixteen quartets, all of which are constantly before the musical public. Of these E minor Op. 59 No. 3 is eighth in order of production, and No. 2 of a set of three dedicated to Count Rasoumowski, the Russian ambassador at the court of Vienna and an enthusiastic musical amateur. It was composed in 1806, a year after Fidelio, and first played in 1807 at Vienna; and in compliment to Count Rasoumowski, Beethoven undoubtedly took a Russian melody for the trio of the allegretto in the E minor Op. 59 No. 2 composition. Probably it was first tried at the palace of Prince Lichnowski where Beethoven was living at the time of its writing and receiving a salary of 600 florins a year.

The solo by Mr. Schnitzler, delightful in itself, will be delightfully played, while of Mr. Geise what can be said that has not been said in warmest praise, during the long years in which he has been the champion of the cello? It will be an inspiration to hear once more his ideal legato and the unequalled singing quality of his tone, and we feel sure the Boston String Quartet will receive the warm welcome in Andover which they richly deserve.

Opening of the New St. Augustine's Church Basement.

The formal opening and blessing of the new St. Augustine's Church basement will take place next Sunday. A solemn high mass will commence at 10.30 A. M. with Very Rev. C. M. Driscoll O. S. A., Provincial of the Order, as celebrant, Rev. M. J. Murphy O. S. A., former pastor, as deacon, Rev. Fr. A. H. Valiquette O. S. A. sub deacon, and Rev. Fr. McKenna O. S. A. Master of Ceremonies.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. Fr. Valiquette. All are cordially invited to attend the opening.

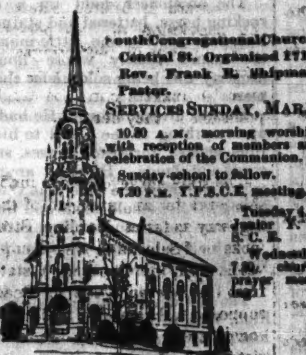
The Pastor takes this occasion to offer to the Rev. Clergy his most heart-felt and sincere thanks for the manifestations of sympathy tendered him in a substantial form in placing at his disposal the free use of their places of worship, after the destruction of the old church. Many other charitable citizens not of his own communion generously contributed to erect the stately edifice, which, when fully completed will be an ornament to the town as well as a powerful agency in making better citizens, both for this world and the next. To all those who morally or materially assisted, the Pastor offers grateful and sincere thanks.

It is customary to take up a collection on the occasion of opening churches; a little, therefore, will be expected on this occasion. Invitations have been extended to Rev. Frs. D. D. and H. F. Rogers O. S. A., also to Rev. Fr. Cullinane and Rev. Fr. J. Ryan, a former pastor, and also to the Frs. of Lawrence and South Lawrence.

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Their Next Week's Services and Past Week's Doings.



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10.30 A. M. morning worship with reception of members and celebration of the Communion.
Sunday school to follow.
7.30 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting.

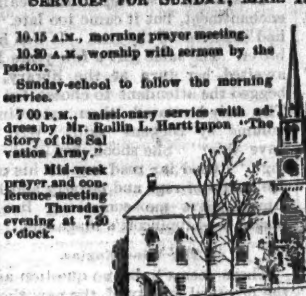


WEST CHURCH, Congregational, West Parish, Organized 1827. Pastor Elmer E. MacFarland.
SERVICES SUN. MAR. 1.
10.30 A. M. morning worship with Communion of the Lord's Supper. Sermon by the pastor.
Sunday school to follow.
7.30 P. M. monthly missionary concert. Work among the Indians. The Carillon in the Industrial School.
Meetings at the same hour in the Abbott and Osgood districts.
Thursday evening, 7.45, regular prayer and conference meeting.

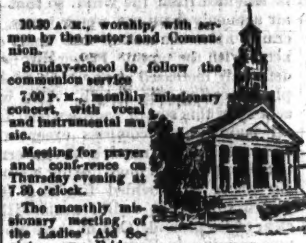


CHRIST CHURCH, Episcopal, Central Street, Organized 1825. Rev. Frederic Palmer, Rector.
SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, MAR. 1.
10.30 A. M. Morning Prayer, with sermon by the Rector.
Sunday school at 12.00.
7.00 P. M. Evening Prayer with sermon by the Rector.
Half-hour service through Lent in the chapel daily (except Thursdays) at 8 P. M.; Thursdays in the church at 7.00 P. M. Sermon by Rev. H. E. Cooke of Manchester, N. H.
Ladies Benevolent Society, Thursday afternoon at 2.00.
Saturday, Young Girl's Guild at 2 o'clock.
Girls' Friendly Society at 7.45 o'clock.

Free Church, Congregational, Railroad St., Organized 1846. Rev. Frederic A. Wilson, Pastor.
SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, MAR. 1.
10.15 A. M. morning prayer meeting.
10.30 A. M. worship with sermon by the pastor.
Sunday school to follow the morning service.
7.00 P. M. missionary service with address by Mr. Rollin L. Hartt upon "The Story of the Salvation Army."



BAPTIST CHURCH, cor. of Essex and Central Sts., Organized 1852. Rev. F. W. Klefs, Pastor.
SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, MAR. 1.
10.30 A. M. worship with sermon by the pastors and Communion.
Sunday school to follow the communion service.
7.00 P. M. monthly missionary concert, with vocal and instrumental music.
Meeting for prayer and conference on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.
The monthly missionary meeting of the Ladies A. S. C. Society on Friday March 6, with Mrs. Wilbur on High street.



CHAPEL CHURCH, "On the Hill," Organized 1825. Connected with Andover Theological Seminary. The Seminary Professors, Pastors.
SERVICES SUNDAY, MAR. 1.
10.30 A. M. preaching by Chas. C. Torrey.
Sunday school to follow the morning service.
4.30 P. M. Communion service.
Rev. W. D. Ward of the Home Missions Society of U. S. will address the Society on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.



Writing of Reed.
One of the many noticeable features soon to appear exclusively in the *Boston Sunday Journal* is a series of signed articles by famous New England leaders. Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge will contribute an interesting comparison of Reed and Cleveland as Presidential candidates; Hon. Joseph M. Manley will write an article about Mr. Reed, while Senator Chandler, Congressman Dingley and others of equal fame will furnish special signed articles for New England's favorite newspaper.

BALLARD VALE.

Mrs. Gilbert Morse is quite ill with scarlet fever at her home on Sand Street.

Miss Nellie Sullivan and Miss Annie Ready of Lawrence spent Sunday with Miss Nellie Burke.

Mrs. Francis Kelley of Auburndale is visiting her sisters, Misses Mary and Julia Brown on Andover Street.

A very wise and sagacious canine belonging to John A. Riley on River Street died last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Clements of Providence, R. I. have been visiting their parents on Marlboro Street.

There will be a public holiday at the Ballardvale mills next Monday afternoon, in order that the operatives may attend town meetings.

Thomas Wardell of Lowell has been exhibiting his phonograph the past week in the store formerly occupied by Patrick Joyce.

Alvin T. Merrill, receiver, has been paying off the checks of the Craighead & Kirtz Company this week, the amount received being about thirty-three cents on a dollar.

The annual meeting of the "Union Congregational Society" will be held in the vestry next Thursday evening March 5 at 7.45 o'clock. All members should make special efforts to be present.

At the quarterly meeting of the District Lodge I. O. O. F. held at Byfield last Saturday, Benjamin Nason was elected a delegate to the Grand Lodge. There were six members of the local Lodge present.

About 30 persons attended the "Natural History Social" held at the Congregational Church Vestry last Friday evening. Edward B. Haynes modeled a kangaroo, which merited special mention. Games and general sociability helped to make the evening one of pleasure to all.

Rev. J. M. Lowden of Boston gave an able and interesting lecture in the Bradlee Course last Wednesday evening. His address was very practical and was full of helpful suggestions which were brought home to his hearers in a very striking manner by the energetic and effective delivery of the speaker.

Joseph Tschander met with quite a severe accident in his barn last Saturday. He missed his footing on a plank and fell from the hay loft to the floor. He was found in a very helpless condition with two ribs broken. Dr. Charles H. Shattuck who is waiting on him, says that Mr. Tschander is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

There will be a temperance rally to night at Bradlee Hall, held under the auspices of the Total Abstinence Society and the local Lodge of Good Templars. Rev. Hugh Montgomery of Lowell will be the speaker of the evening and can be relied on giving a rousing temperance address. The local Lodge of Good Templars will meet at the Y. L. P. U. Hall at seven o'clock and will march over to Bradlee Hall and attend the meeting in a body. The public are cordially invited to be present.

The eight anniversary of the Y. L. P. U. was celebrated by a supper and entertainment in their Hall last Saturday evening. There were about 40 persons present. The entertainment which lasted from 8 till 10 was particularly fine and consisted of a banjo solo by James Wood, songs by Miss Maude Ross, Thomas Wardell, John Wood, Ralph Ross and John Dearborn. Reading by Miss Ada Wood, and a violin solo by Maynard E. Clements. Joseph Stott presided at the organ. The main feature of the entertainment was the selections on a phonograph by Mr. Thomas Wardell of Lowell, which consisted of many of the standard and popular compositions of the day, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. After refreshments had been served, a very pleasant social hour was spent. The party disbanded about 11.45 and as they left for their several homes it was unanimously agreed that the eighth anniversary was the most successful affair ever run by the Club.

HISTORICAL

Sketches of Andover and North Andover.

By SARAH LORING BAILEY.

It is now nearly sixteen years since the above entitled History was published. During these sixteen years a new generation has grown up and Andover and North Andover have gained many new residents. The approaching celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the incorporation of Andover will lead very many to study the early history of the town with renewed interest. Abbott's History of Andover, published in 1829, has become a rare and valuable book, and copies can be obtained only on chance occasions and at a very high price. The same will be true in a few years of Miss Bailey's Sketches. A limited number of copies, (less than 150) now remain, and can be had at the original price. When these are gone, copies must be sought at auction sales and collector's prices. For the convenience of those now desiring to purchase, copies have been placed on sale in Andover at the Andover Bookstore, in Lawrence at the stores of the W. E. Rice Company and G. W. Colburn & Co.; in North Andover at the Post Office, at the Centre. Copies may be ordered by mail; price prepaid, of Hollis B. Bailey, 55 State Street, Boston, or of the publishers, Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 4 Park Street, Boston. The price in each case is three dollars and fifty cents, (\$3.50). Only those who order early will be sure of obtaining copies.

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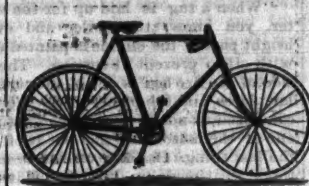
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed assignee of the estate of said insolvent debtor, and that the second meeting of the creditors of said insolvent debtor will be held at the Court of Insolvency at Salem in said County of Essex, on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which meeting creditors may be present and prove their claims.

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"It was late in the year, along in December, I think. We were laying up for the cold. We had been breaking ice all the week previous, and the old tug was leaking badly, so badly, in fact, that we had been obliged to pump her out with a tin pump twice that afternoon. It was cold, and we wanted to get through with our job while it was light, so we spent very little time on the pump, and at no time did we pump her dry. We kept the water off the fire hole floor so we would not be obliged to work in the water, and that was about all. We intended to pump her thoroughly after we had finished our other work. There were two jobs we could do after dark. One was the pumping and the other was oiling the inside of the fire box.

"When a tug is laid up for the winter, you know, the boiler and every bright part of the engine is painted over with oil to prevent it rusting. The inside of the fire box is one of the particular places, and the owner of the tug had cautioned us not to alight it. That was one of the reasons we had put it off till the last thing. Besides, we had to use a torch, so it made no difference if it was dark outside.

"It is necessary that you understand the construction of the boiler to have a clear idea of the situation. The boiler was an ordinary marine boiler, such as we used ten years ago. It had water legs and a water bottom, with a damper opening about 5 inches wide extending across the front of the boiler. The furnace door was such as you will see on any tug in Buffalo today. It was about 3 feet one way and 18 inches the other. The opening which it covered was a trifle smaller, but was plenty large enough to allow a man to crawl through it. The door fastened by a heavy latch on the outside, which dropped into place whenever the door was shut. Inside the fire box there was plenty of room for two men to sit or kneel and work. The grates were removed and there was the room from the ash pan, which was the water bottom, to the crown sheet. Of course, it was not an inviting place, nor large enough for a clubroom, but there was room for the two of us to work, and as two can do more work than one we crawled in, one after the other. The one nearest the door, I forget now whether it was my companion or myself, reached out the door and handed in the oil, brushes and the torch. We put the torch in the opening of the flue in the back of the fire box and started to work. The draft through the door into the flue was so strong that it threatened to blow the light out, so my companion said to me, 'Shut the door.'

"Without thinking I reached out and pulled the door shut. In an instant I realized the situation. I turned to look at my companion and saw that he, too, understood. We were in the furnace of the boiler, with the only exit locked. We had both heard the heavy latch of the door drop into place. The tug that we were on was leaking so badly that she would sink in a few hours unless some assistance came. Even then we could see the water slowly crawling over the fire hole floor. If we called, it would do no good. We could hardly be heard on deck, and there was no one within half a mile of us. The damper hole was not large enough to allow a boy to pass through it, to say nothing of a man. These thoughts ran through our minds. A second. We were perfectly familiar with the situation and knew our chances were slim. I will never forget that scene. Before me sat my companion in a half crouched position, his face thrown into bold relief by the blackness of the iron behind him. The flickering light of the torch gave the face, with the firm set jaw, an awful expression. I remember, as I looked into the face that looked into mine with brave eyes, the thought came to me, 'Will I meet it as bravely as he?'

"The man with me was the son of the owner of the boat and my cousin. He was game to the fullest meaning of the word, and I knew it. We looked at each other for at least a minute. It seemed a century. I was waiting for him to speak and he for me. I could not. The situation was hopeless. I saw his eyes travel to the door, then to the damper and then to the flue in which the torch flickered feebly. Then his eyes again sought mine as he asked in a low, distinct voice, 'Did the door latch?'

"I put my hand against it and pushed. It did not give. I nodded my head. I could not speak. He half lifted himself and kicked the door with his foot, and it swung open. The draft of air put the light out, and in that moment of darkness I thanked God.

"To this day I cannot understand how that latch lifted, or if it did not drop, why?"—Buffalo Express.

Literary Information.

A literary correspondent asks: "How can I get 'Trouble on Lost Mountain'?"

Report any moonshine distillery that you may find in that neighborhood, and it will come easy.—Atlanta Constitution.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

Instances In Which It Has Been Used to the Delight of Message Senders.

A good many stories are told of the strange uses of the long distance telephone. The day the line was opened to Merrill, Wis., a Chicago man, hunting in the northern woods, came into town and learned of the innovation. He went into one of the "soundproof" booths and had himself put into communication with his family. As they had a telephone in the house, the task was a small one. He chatted with his wife, told her a fish story at which she might smile without embarrassing him, since he could not see the signs of incredulity; talked with his boy and girl, and then called for Gyp.

Gyp was a setter, a great family pet, which had been left behind because of an accident which rendered it lame. Gyp was called to the telephone, and he stood on a chair, his fore feet on the back, and his mistress held the transmitter to his ear.

"Hello, Gyp!" called the master from Merrill. And the dog in Chicago pricked up his ears and whined. The master whistled cheerily, and the setter barked directly into the receiver. He knew his master's voice and the whistle as well, and the master cheered him by ready laughter at the prompt and eager reply.

It was worth the \$2.50 it cost.

A lady living near Indianapolis, who had for more than a year been in delicate health, was taken to Chicago early last winter, where she received surgical treatment in a hospital. It was impossible to take her home for the Christmas celebration, although she had recovered so much that she could walk readily all over the hospital. She had three beautiful children at home, and the father prepared a Christmas tree, just as he had formerly done, only he added a feature which had never been found there before. He had the electricians come in on the afternoon before Christmas and put his residence telephone in the tree, where it was concealed with pine needles and tinsel. He arranged with the long distance people, apprised his wife of her part in the play, and at a certain moment in the evening, when the children, bubbling over with joy at their presents, still felt a sadness at the absence of their mother, he clapped the receiver to the ear of his youngest child, and the gentle voice of mamma came over the wire.

It was their most precious Christmas present.—Tacoma Ledger.

In Santiago.

Santiago is the ancient capital of Cuba. It stands on sloping ground at the head of a magnificent landlocked harbor, and all around, in an amphitheater, are mountains and forests—a lovely place, but a fatal one for the Spanish soldier. The town itself is a white-washed semicircle. The streets are narrow, and the place filthy beyond all words; the heat is very varied by tropical showers, which fall every afternoon through the summer and autumn months—rain so heavy that in a very few minutes the streets sloping down to the bay are like muddy mountain-streams, carrying with them all kinds of refuse and rubbish. Everywhere the yellow fever is abroad, but it is particularly deadly among the Spanish troops. How many die is never made known; the dead are carried away and buried by night, and in one hospital a hole was cut in the wall facing the burial ground, that the soldiers outside might not see the nightly processions. The Spanish soldiers stalk about the streets in their dirty white linen uniforms and big straw hats, looking pale and thin; they are badly fed, and suffer every kind of privation. Boys for the most part under 20, they are unaccustomed to the climate, and by exposure are made unfit to battle with it.—Contemporary Review.

Bad End of a Bad Boy.

Our early stories are mostly as interesting as our first poems. I have only one specimen quotable just now, but it is a gem. It was written by a little girl—of 8, I believe—and was a highly moral tale of a little boy whose fault was greediness, and who overate himself at a Christmas party. The consequence and punishment of this piece of debauchery was a severe attack of scarlet fever on the following day, and he rapidly became worse. The sequel is told in dialogue form:

Mamma—Arthur, you are very ill. Arthur—Yes, mamma. Mamma—Arthur, do you know you are going to die? Arthur—Yes, mamma. Mamma—Arthur, do you not think you had better say a prayer?

But he had not time—he died.

Surely there is an antique, even Eschylean, simplicity about this method of bringing in the catastrophe which most of us would do well to heed.—London Speaker.

Juvenile Logic.

School children who air their newly acquired knowledge before their younger brothers and sisters at home sometimes meet more than their match.

Such a pupil, a little girl, was talking learnedly to her brother.

"My teacher says that rubber trees grow wild in Florida," she announced. "S'pose they do," answered the unimpressed youngster. "Nobody ever thinks of rubbers until it rains, and then it's too wet to go into the woods."—Good News.

Near Enough to Guess By.

A lady walked into a Boston book store in search of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' "Burglars In Paradise." But what she asked for was "Smugglers In Heaven."—Boston Transcript.

If the molasses and butter to be used in gingerbread be heated together to almost the boiling point before being stirred in with the other ingredients, the cake will be improved.

Kentucky's factories employ 65,579 hands, and send out annually a product valued at \$136,719,867.

SAD SCENE AT AN AUCTION.

Which Was Followed by Gloeful Chuckles a Few Hours Later.

"Who bids?" The auctioneer held up a child's rocking horse, battered and stained. It had belonged to some little member of the man's family whose household property was being sold under the hammer.

He was utterly ruined. He had given up everything in the world to his creditors—house, furniture, horses, stock of goods and lands. He stood among the crowd watching the sale that was scattering his household goods and his belongings among a hundred strange hands.

On his arm leaned a woman, heavily veiled.

"Who bids?" The auctioneer held the rocking horse high, that it might be seen. Childish hands had torn away the scanty mane; the bridle was twisted and worn by tender little fingers. The crowd was still.

The woman under the heavy veil sobbed and stretched out her hands. "No, no, no!" she cried.

The man's face was white with emotion. The little form that once so merrily rode the old rocking horse had drifted away into the world years ago. This was the only relic left of his happy infancy.

The auctioneer, with a queer moisture in his eyes, handed the rocking horse to the man without a word. He seized it with eager hands, and he and the veiled woman hurried away.

The crowd murmured with sympathy. The man and the woman went into an empty room and set the rocking horse down. He took out his knife, ripped open the front of the horse and took out a roll of bills. He counted them and said:

"It's a cold day when I fall without a rake off. Eight thousand five hundred dollars, but that auctioneer came very near busting up the game."—Houston Post.

A STARVED MIND.

Why a Girl Shook Her Head When Dickens Was Mentioned.

It is a fact that the children who have had in abundance the old nursery tales, who have worn out numerous copies of "Mother Goose," to whom Christmas and birthdays mean new books, of rhyme and story, being led thence by gradual steps to the uplands of history, poetry and romance, seldom go down before the malignancy of the "blood and thunder" so freely offered them. It is the starved childhood that seizes and feeds upon these.

A girl of 13 years old had occasion to call at the home of a lady who had befriended her. Scattered about the floor of the sitting room were the books of a small nephew, among them a copy of "Little Red Riding Hood." Her life, barren and hard, had known nothing of literature save her few schoolbooks. She picked up the volume and was soon absorbed in the story. When the lady came in, she extended it to her, saying eagerly, "Is it true?" It was her first step in the realm of enchantment, but it came too late. She had experienced the real. It was hard, bitter. The same girl a few years later awaited her turn at the library, and begged the attendant to choose for her. The lady hesitated, then extending a volume by Dickens said, "Will you have this?" She shook her head, saying: "I tried to read one of his once. He writes of rags and poverty and hard times. Give me something livelier, please."—Lippincott's Magazine.

The Wind Engine.

There seems to be no question as to the practical utility of the new though crude wind engine, which is now coming into use in some parts of the west. According to the description, it resembles the paddle wheel of a stern wheel boat, with a shaft 13 to 14 feet long, 13 to 16 feet across, with six or eight arms. The lower half of the wheel is shielded from the wind, so that the air acts only upon the upper vane. A crank upon one end of the shaft connects with the pump. Power can be indefinitely increased at any time by simply increasing the length. The wind acts upon this sort of paddle wheel from all points of the compass except two, and it seems to require no governor, but simply pumps more during a storm. No tower is provided for, and it is placed so that the radial arms will be clear of the ground. One of these wheels now running in Kansas is stated to be 21 feet in diameter, 27 feet long, and has eight fans. The largest water wheel in the world is said to be an overshot wheel in the lake of Man. It is 72½ feet in diameter, 6 feet in breadth, with a crank stroke of 10 feet, and gives 200 horsepower.—New York Sun.

Maine's Meanest Man.

A wealthy resident of York county lost his wife a few weeks ago. Her illness was prolonged and no doubt expensive. But that was the poor woman's misfortune, not her fault. However, her thrifty husband cheered the final weeks of her life by regularly sitting down by her bed each day and detailing how much her sickness was costing him, striking a trial balance for the suffering wife's benefit every day. At last she died—the doctor, who knew of the husband's singular methods of cheering a sickbed, said there was no doubt about it—and while she lay in her coffin the bereaved spouse, deep in thought, picked up one of the dead wife's shoes and carefully figured on its sole with a bit of chalk the sum total of what the sad affair had cost him. This grievous statement of facts is solemnly made by the Bangor Commercial, which congratulates the woman on being dead. How about the man—could he be any deader?—Lewiston Journal.

She Knew Best.

Visitor—Tell me now, professor, are you suffering much from your headache? Professor (to his wife)—Say, Amelia, do I suffer much from my headache?—Vliegende Blatter.



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MAGIC OF THE WOODS.

What Hunters Say About the Spell of an Otter's Eyes.

By the Adirondack woodmen along the banks of the West Canada creek the otter is regarded as quite as shy as the fox, inasmuch as it is very difficult to trap in any kind of contrivance. There are fewer stories about the creature's intelligence, as the animals are scarce and have not been so much observed as have the foxes.

There has been, and probably is, an otter that for six years anyhow, and perhaps longer, has traveled down the creek winter and summer about every two weeks. In the winter it left a running, sliding trail in the snow on the ice, seldom leaving the creek bed to go into a cove or overland for a dozen or 15 rods. In summer weather it fished and caught frogs in the coves of the flats. A good many shots have been fired at it and a lot of traps set for it, but none was ever successful. It is believed by woodmen that the otters, like the bell divers, loons, mink and others, dodge shot or ball. I saw this otter once some years ago in the summer time, and while only one feature of the animal is distinct in my mind, I do not recollect any other wild animal so well. The body is a mere glimmer of black in waving swale grass. Even the head is a burly, rusty gray shadow, a sort of background for the two eyes.

I have seen deers when they were standing still looking at me, have looked at squirrels, rabbits, partridges, foxes and other wild animals alarmed by my presence, but their forms, rather than their eyes, are more or less distinct. In fact, the eyes seem secondary in the mind pictures, except in the case of the otter. It seems to me that the otter did not merely look at me; it was more as if it looked into me, the same as the sensation one has when some one—a man or woman—"reads your innermost thoughts." These eyes were large and full rounded, dark brown with a shimmer of light gray skating across and around the center, and with a lively beauty as different from the dead beauty of a deer's full eye. It sent precisely such chills up and down my back as dark human eyes have done. It was a tense, particular look, and not the general gaze of a bird or other animal. The otter, I think, hypnotized me, for I did not shoot, although my impression is that we looked at one another for a minute or two.—Forest and Stream.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 24.—Edgar W. Nye, the "Bill" Nye of the world of humor, whose writings have made the world laugh, died Saturday at his home at Buck Shoals, eight miles south of Asheville. The immediate cause of death was apoplexy.

The Last Sad Rites.

CHICOPPEE, Mass., Feb. 27.—The funeral of ex-Governor George D. Robinson was held in this city yesterday. The whole city was in mourning, flags were at half staff, business was nearly at a standstill, and all united in showing their love for the dead. Most of the big manufacturing concerns were shut up all the afternoon. The stores were closed during the funeral and the schools had but one session. The exercises throughout were very simple, in accordance with the wish of the family. Besides floral offerings from the city and immediate friends, many tributes were given. A short service was held at the house at 1:30 o'clock. The casket was then taken to the church, where an opportunity was given to view the body, as it lay in state. There was no change apparent in the features of ex-Governor Robinson, and the sight of his face moved many of his old friends to tears.

Connecticut Man at the Head.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—The grand lodge A. O. U. W. yesterday elected the following officers: Grand master workman, J. C. Gallagher, New Haven; grand foreman, L. C. Merrill, Concord, N. H.; grand overseer, E. F. Danforth, Skowhegan, Me.; grand recorder, J. E. Burr, Boston; grand receiver, E. E. Temple, Boston; grand guide, Nathan Gray, Chicago; grand representative, G. F. Higgins, Providence, A. G. Andrews, Augusta, Me., and Edward Mitchell, Salem. A new law was adopted, providing that six months after a member has been notified to send his present residence, and has not complied, he shall be suspended. The member shall have six months after such suspension in which to be reinstated.

The Booths Out.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Commander Bellingham Booth and Mrs. Booth left the national headquarters of the Salvation Army last night for good. Mrs. Booth said she would send after her remaining belongings today, but that she herself would not return to the office. Mr. Booth said that they would turn over all affairs to his successor, and that they should consult leading citizens to learn how best the interests of the American people may be conserved in the matter of disposing of some of the army property of which he was acting as trustee.

Olney's Boom Launched.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—For President of the United States, Richard Olney of Massachusetts. That is the voice of the Massachusetts Democracy, as spoken by Mayor Quincy. The boom was launched at a dinner given jointly by the Democratic state committee and the Young Men's Democratic club at the Exchange club. There seemed to be no studied intention to make it an Olney dinner, but as speaker after speaker mentioned his name it was greeted with great applause.

Father and Son's Awful Fate.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 25.—Jesse Tracey, aged 45, and his son, aged 17, employed at the British Hosiery company's mills at Thornton, were killed yesterday by taking hold of a live wire that had become crossed with a trolley wire. The men ascended a pole to remove the telephone wire, and the elder Tracey grasped the wire and died almost instantly. The son also grabbed the wire, sustaining a fatal shock. The senior Tracey leaves a widow and four children.

Smallpox at Waltham.

WALTHAM, Mass., Feb. 25.—Daniel Queen, 30 years old, had been ailing for several days past and finally decided to go to the Waltham hospital for treatment. His case was diagnosed as that of smallpox. The board of health were notified, and had the man removed to the pest-house. Queen was employed as a cook at a boarding house.

Decision Was Unanimous.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 25.—At a special meeting of the city government, called to consider the case of defaulting Tax Collector Foster, yesterday, City Auditor Lyford was examined and detailed facts of the case, and a resolution removing Foster from the office was unanimously adopted.

Carriage Makers' Show.

AMESBURY, Mass., Feb. 25.—The eighth annual vehicular exhibition of carriage builders has begun, and during the week over 1000 carriage dealers from all parts of the Union are expected to be present. Fifty factories are in holiday attire, and 10,000 vehicles are on exhibition.

Diphtheria in an Asylum.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 25.—A severe case of diphtheria has been discovered among the inmates of the insane asylum in the person of Miss Turner, an attendant, aged 16. She has been employed there but a short time. It is not thought that it will spread.

The End of It.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—It is said at the state department that the Walker incident has been formally closed by an exchange of notes to that effect between Ambassador Eustis and the French minister of foreign affairs.

MISS BARTLETT LOSES.

Will Not Get the \$150,000 With Interest For Which She Sued.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—In the famous Bartlett-Bigelow case the jury yesterday returned a verdict against the plaintiff, Miss Mary O. Bartlett, who has tried twice to recover from the executors of the will of Dr. Henry J. Bigelow \$150,000 which she says was promised her by Dr. Bigelow in the event of his dying before they were married, together with interest on that sum since 1890, when Dr. Bigelow died.



DR. BIGELOW. MISS BARTLETT.

Judge Dunbar stated to the jury that but one of two verdicts could be rendered. Either the plaintiff must be awarded \$150,000 with interest from 1890, or the verdict must be for the defense. To bring in a verdict for the plaintiff it must be proved that there was an arrangement of marriage; that Dr. Bigelow agreed to give her \$150,000 if she consented to let the engagement remain; that she agreed to read to him, write to him, and that she had carried out her part of the agreement.

IN CONGRESS.

Condensed Report of Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Cuba's case was argued in the senate. Senator Lodge would not only recognize Cuba, but go further, to prevent its passing to other powers. The Indian appropriation bill, carrying \$5,000,000, was passed in the house.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Representative McCall did a fine piece of work in the house when he succeeded in amending the Indian appropriation bill so as to provide for the continuation of the United States Indian commission, which had been left out of the bill by the committee on Indian affairs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Senator Morgan made another installment of his speech on Cuba. The house considered the Indian appropriation bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Senator Morrill's motion to take up the Dingley tariff bill was defeated, thus killing and burying the measure. The Indian appropriation and the far seal industry bills were passed by the house.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Senator Carter's defense of his anti-tariff vote stirred up a financial debate in the senate. Senator Hearst defended New England against unjust charges and overhauled Carter with questions that he could not answer.

Millions to Be Divided.

SALER, Mass., Feb. 25.—By the will of Caspar Cronk, who died in Holland in April, 1798, an estate worth \$75,000,000 is left to the Cronk family. By a proviso in the will no distribution was to be made until 100 years after. The time of settlement is approaching, and Winston Cronk, a painter of this city, is the principal heir, he being a direct descendant of Caspar Cronk, and of the fourth generation. He, with other heirs residing in Canada, are now arranging to have their interests in the division of the fortune looked after. Cronk has four sons, who reside here.

Suit Arises From Autopsy.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—The first suit of its kind was tried in the superior civil court yesterday, in which Robert G. Kennedy sought to recover \$5000 damages from Drs. Algernon Coolidge and Perley of Ipswich for violence done his feelings in consequence of an autopsy performed by the defendants on the body of the plaintiff's wife without his consent. The jury returned a verdict for the defendants.

Makes Excuses For His Action.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 27.—Ernest Whitaker, a drug clerk, was taken into custody yesterday for selling or giving to Eugenia Reynolds, a young woman who died in this city Monday evening by taking an overdose of medicine, an unlabeled bottle containing poison. He says that he gave her the medicine, being an intimate friend of the family, and presumed that his actions were proper.

May Return at Old Schedule.

SAGO, Mo., Feb. 27.—The striking weavers of the York corporation were notified yesterday by Agent Page that the mills will start up next Monday at the usual hour. The striking operatives will hold a meeting tomorrow, when it will be decided whether or not they will return. The agent has made no concessions to the strikers, and if they return it will be under the old schedule.

Hard Pushed For Cash.

BANGOR, Me., Feb. 27.—The Bangor Pulp and Paper company, which operates the pulp and paper mills at Basin Mills, Orono, made an assignment yesterday. This week the creditors, especially the employees, who had about six weeks' pay due them, began to press the firm, and it was found necessary to make an assignment. The amounts of liabilities and assets are unknown.

Further Delay.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Feb. 25.—The board of conciliation took no action at the meeting last night on the "turned lists" as complained of by the firm of Hodgdon & Johnson, and the matter was postponed another week. Labor men are unanimous in their denunciation of the meeting, and accuse the manufacturers of intentional delay to secure the present low prices for labor.

Law Not Enforced.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 27.—The police investigation hearing is apparently a great way off. Ex-Governor Goodell, ex-Commissioner D. M. Perkins, Rev. T. E. Clapp, Rev. M. W. Rothwick, Rev. W. M. Feich and others testified yesterday, all of them agreeing as to the non-enforcement of the liquor laws in Manchester.

Fied in Night Clothes.

ATTLEBORO, Mass., Feb. 25.—Maria W. Richardson, 50 years old, who has been sick, left her bed yesterday, and with nothing on but her night clothes and a waterproof, disappeared. The river has been searched, also surrounding towns, but no trace of her has been found.

Will Work For the State.

BANGOR, Me., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Mary Cowan, sentenced to life for murder; James Barbour, to 3½ years for compound larceny, and George James, to 3 years for burglary, were taken to the state prison at Thomaston this morning.

LAYS ON HANDS.

Blacksmith Newell Said to Perform Great Work.

Man's Paralyzed Legs Cured in Five Minutes—Over a Hundred People Treated in Western Massachusetts.

GREENFIELD, Mass., Feb. 26.—Bradley J. Newell, the village blacksmith of Jacksonville, Vt., whose reported marvelous power for healing by laying on of hands has given him a widespread reputation, came to Greenfield yesterday and is quartered at one of the leading hotels, where he will remain for three days to attempt his cures on all who come to him.

He drove from his home in Vermont to Shelburne Falls, and came from that village to Greenfield on the cars. At Shelburne Falls he treated about 30 people, and on the train he was importuned by passengers to exert his influence upon them.

At the hotel here a crowd of nearly 50 were waiting for Newell, many having come from Springfield, Ashol, Northampton and other cities in western Massachusetts. Not a few walked with crutches, and some had to be helped.

All this display was made over a great, awkward Yankee blacksmith, who less than a month ago was as unknown to fame as the poorest plodder.

All the afternoon Newell was engaged in treating the patients. For the first time in his career he

Charged \$25 For His Services

to those who were able to pay, but last evening he treated about a dozen persons who are in straitened circumstances free of charge.

He treated probably 100 people yesterday, many of them prominent citizens of Franklin county. Some were helped, while others went away disappointed. John Hayden of Ashol, a paralytic, was one of the latter, while C. G. Crass of Springfield, whose legs were paralyzed, was cured, apparently, in five minutes, so that he jumped about the room like a young colt.

In an interview last night, Newell said: "I am tired of the notoriety and excitement which attends my efforts, but I came to Greenfield, as I went to Brattleboro, at the earnest solicitation of prominent citizens. Since Aug. 1, 1895, I have treated probably 5000 people, and many of them say I have helped them, but I know that there are many whom I do not help. That is what I dislike about it. I know people are disappointed when I fail to help them, but it is no fault of mine, for I do not advertise myself or make any boasts."

"I never knew what it was to be tired before. Tonight I am weary. The crowd which follows me is tiresome, and I lose strength by treating folks. I am still as a loss to explain the power which I have. Today I have treated persons afflicted with paralysis, deafness, rheumatism, asthma, heart disease and other ailments, but I don't believe I have helped over half of them."

Christ's Second Coming.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The midwinter prophetic convention of the Second Adventists opened here yesterday. The following officers were elected: President, G. H. Wallace, Springfield; vice-presidents, W. J. Hobbs, Boston; F. Burr, Somerville; secretary, F. L. Piper, Boston. President Wallace, in his annual address, said: "The people have been called out to herald the second coming of Christ to this world. We are not looking for the end of the world by total annihilation. We are looking for the redemption, and for that Christ is coming back to this earth. We are looking for the end of the age. The world is not going out of existence; it will last forever, but in a restored state. All indications seem to point to the fulfillment of the great promises by God in the Bible. There has been no time when these prophetic signs have become so apparent as the present."

The Coburn Murder Again.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 25.—The citizens of Gorham will offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Byron G. Coburn, who was killed Dec. 13, 1894. James Lewis, who was convicted of the crime in January, 1895, and whose case was not pressed by the state after the trial was granted him by the higher courts, is in the city, and it is believed that when the reward is offered he will give enough evidence to cause the arrest of the old man's murderer. Lewis says that when the state is ready to proceed he will have something to say about the murder.

Art Museum For Worcester.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 26.—At a meeting of members of the Worcester Art society and other prominent citizens last night, the announcement was made of the formation of a corporation to be called the Worcester Art museum. Stephen Salisbury has presented to the city a tract of land, comprising 1.5 acres, whereon is to be erected a public art museum. He gives for this purpose the sum of \$100,000, of which \$20,000 is for the building and \$80,000 for a fund, to be held in trust by the art museum for the benefit of the city of Worcester.

Ready to Face Charges.

JOHNSTON, R. I., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Clara Valois appeared yesterday in the office of Judge Phillips, saying she wished to surrender herself, as she was charged with shooting her father. Judge Phillips said that as the warrant for her arrest had been taken to another town by a deputy, she could not be held until later. Mrs. Valois declares the charge is ridiculous.

Ganlin in Nashua Again.

NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 25.—The police officers sent after Gustave Ganlin, who is wanted for uttering a forged check and getting it cashed, arrived here from Ellingham, Ill., last night, with Ganlin. The prisoner's father is a wealthy Providence man. When Ganlin went away a girl from Lowell, Mass., accompanied him, but she left him in Chicago.

Tired Out.

LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 27.—The condition of Governor Greenhalge, who is sick with nervous exhaustion, is not as bad as reported, and though unable to attend official duties, he can drive out, and is expected to leave on Saturday for a visit to Kitterell, N. C. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Greenhalge and a staff member.

"Blue and Gray" Parade Opposed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—General Walker, head of the Grand Army, says that he has lately visited all of the principal northern cities and found that there was strong opposition to holding a "Blue and Gray" parade in New York city on the Fourth of July.

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The jackal, wolf and fox are more or less popular, and are reported to give a very palatable meat. Where our people hang mutton, game and the immortal goose to season it and give it a rich flavor, many South American tribes secure the same result by burying meat in the earth and leaving it there for several days. No civilized man has ever been able to eat it in this condition, but the savages pronounce it a delicacy of extraordinary merit. Not alone is cannibalism practiced to a large extent, but our Darwinian consists of the monkey tribe share the same fate. In the districts where they are employed as food they are very timid and fly at the sight of a human being even at great distance. In other territories, where they are unmolested, they are about as tame and fearless as in South America or India. In nearly all of these tribes the woman is the cook and the waiter, very often the butcher and sometimes the hunter.—New York Mail and Express

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NORTH ANDOVER.

Mrs. James C. Poor is recovering from recent illness.

Edward Adams lost one of his draught horses by illness early in the week.

Town meeting Monday. Polls open at 10 o'clock and may be closed at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. James T. Johnson and Miss Helen Johnson of Waltham spent Sunday with friends in town.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Madden, (Maggie Marion) recently.

The high school was closed Monday in order that the teachers could visit schools.

It is reported that Mrs. A. R. Durgin of Haverhill will, this Spring, return to her former home on Salem Street in this town.

Mr. and Mrs. William O. Goodwin of Haverhill welcomed a little son to their home on Wednesday of last week.

Upon invitation of Principal Flagg, the Musical Club met at Stevens Hall on Tuesday evening last.

The Young Ladies' Whist Club met with Miss Grace Brodie in Stevens Village last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Thomas J. Bickford has returned from a visit with relatives in Wolboro' and other places in New Hampshire.

The County senators and representatives dined at Young's, Tuesday evening. Representative Halliday was present.

The lecture by Mrs. Dowar that was postponed on Jan. 24 will be given Tuesday evening, March 2, at 7.45 o'clock, in St. Paul's Parish House.

Miss Battle Stevens of Manchester, N. H., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles H. Farnham of Andover Street.

Rev. Mr. Pratt commenced the temperance campaign for local affairs among the churches, by a lecture at the Methodist Church, Sunday evening.

The Essex Pomona Grange will meet at West Boxford, Thursday. It is expected that the local Grange will be well represented.

For nearly three weeks past a handsome bunch of pussy willows have been adding cheer to the inside of the Centre post office the earliest for some years back.

The late Ex-Gov. Robinson was personally known to a number of our townspeople, and it was with regret that they learned of his death.

Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday school flags floated from the mast-heads at the Merrimac, Bradstreet and High Schools.

The brief notice of the meeting which was held Thursday afternoon is given for the many teachers who were not present.

Sam D. Stevens attended a dinner at the Exchange Club, Boston, on Washington's Birthday, given by the democratic state committee and the Young Men's Democratic Club of Massachusetts.

At the close of registration, Friday night, the number of legal voters in town, including three women, was 769. The registrars have dropped 14 names and added 20.

The Essex Conference of Unitarian Churches will meet in Salem, Wednesday and Thursday, March 4 and 5, in Barton Square Church. Several of the North Church society will attend the exercises.

Horace B. Foster was chosen a delegate to the national convention of the People's Party, at the meeting in Dexter Hall, Boston, Saturday afternoon. The delegates are unopposed.

Mrs. Annie Sawyer Downs, of Andover, gave a very interesting lecture on "Florence" before the Roundabout Club and its invited guests at the rooms of the Charitable Union this afternoon.

The social of the Charitable Union last evening was a pleasant affair and was well attended. Supper was served by Mrs. D. H. Meserve, Mrs. C. A. Newhall, Mrs. Charles Noyes.

Mrs. James H. Davis has tendered the use of her bed at the Massachusetts General Hospital to Mr. Lyttle, who was seriously injured by falling from the top of a circus van last June, and who has since been a patient at the Lawrence Hospital.

There will be a social for the members of Wauwinet Lodge and their families in Odd Fellows' hall, Thursday evening, March 19. The committee in charge are Messrs. T. P. Wentworth, H. F. Downing and George L. Barker.

Miss Hattie Keeler a sister of Mrs. E. S. Edmund has been obliged to enter an institute at Glen Falls, N. Y. to undergo treatment for the eye. Miss Keeler is the daughter of S. C. Keeler of Concord, N. H. a Presiding Elder in the New Hampshire Conference, and is well known here.

Several of the pupils in the two upper grades of the Merrimac building enjoyed a sleigh ride in Cheney's barge to Haverhill and vicinity last Saturday afternoon. Several of the boys went in a second barge, and of course it wouldn't be a good sleighride without a "tip over," so one was given to the boys.

The dance to be given in Stevens Hall this evening, under the auspices of the Grange, promises to be an enjoyable affair. The general committee in charge is: George A. Rogers, E. A. Fuller, Mrs. M. B. Meserve. Edward A. Fuller is floor director and will be aided by Arthur Farnham, James H. Naon, H. E. Mead, Harry Foster, J. A. Currier.

Mrs. Eliza Sutton and Mrs. Young are absent for a trip of about three months to Europe.

Several of our people attended the meeting of the Congregational Club at Lowell, Monday evening. Joseph H. Stone was chosen a member of the nominating committee and N. P. Frye and of the vice-presidents.

Recurve Lodge, I. O. G. T., inaugurated the temperance meetings prior to town meeting this year by a gospel service in the Methodist vestry Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting was presided over by William Lord, prayer was offered by A. M. Markey, and the address was given by Rev. Nathan Bailey of Methuen, who earnestly exhorted the people to re-register their ballots against license.

It is said by an authority in such matters whose place is behind the choir rail, that Miss Martha E. Teal of Portland, Me., General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., is by far the best looking preacher that has ever occupied the Congregational pulpit in town. After her address of Sunday evening, Miss Teal delivered another address in Lawrence, where she was very enthusiastically received.

Rev. Joseph Kimball pastor of the "Lime Church," Seabrook, N. H., gave a lecture, upon the subject of "Pleasure and Profit from Books" before the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational Church last evening, about thirty-five being present.

Mr. Kimball was formerly an instructor in Phillips Academy and was a friend of the first pastor of the Orthodox Church, Mr. Fred Berry, President of the Society, introduced the lecturer.

At a meeting of the Grange, Tuesday evening, the following were appointed a visiting committee: Mrs. J. H. Naon, Mary A. Berry, Peter Holt, Jr., W. H. Hayes. "What can this Grange do of public benefit, worthy of special effort?" was a topic ably presented by Peter Holt, Jr., and G. A. Rogers. John P. Clark and John Barker were leaders in presenting the subject, "Has farming seen its best days in New England." It was decided negatively.

Circumstances of an attempt to again unlawfully enter the store of T. A. Holt & Co. at the Centre Saturday or Sunday night were related to George L. Harris. The prowler attempted to remove the putty from a pane of glass in a cellar window at the rear of the building, but afterward removed the window itself. Nothing was found to be missing and probably the visitor was frightened away. The tools with which the former job was done came from Poor's shop in Andover, as was afterwards learned by the people at the store.

Principal King of the Merrimac School gave a very clear and concise statement of what the schools should be doing in Arithmetic. He commenced by saying that elementary education centers about Arithmetic and Language. There should be sufficient education in these branches to protect the States. The province of Arithmetic was to train the child to accurate habits of thought to give him a clear and logical mind, to furnish a positive knowledge of facts of numbers and skill in the application of the facts and accuracy in that application.

Rev. Edward Seymour Thomas of town and Miss Susan Oliver Brooks, of Boston, will be married in Trinity Church of that city at high noon, Thursday, April 23. The ceremony will be performed by Bishop Lawrence, assisted by Rev. Dr. Donald, of Trinity Church, and Rev. Mr. Franks, a brother of Mrs. William G. Brooks, who for twenty years has been the rector of a church in Salem.

There was a large attendance at the entertainment in Odd Fellows' hall, Tuesday evening, given under the auspices of Wauwinet Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the audience was apparently well pleased with the efforts of Messrs. Lewis C. Wentworth, Helen Smallidge and A. Bowden, three electrical minstrels from Kearsage encampment to amuse them. They appeared to good advantage and showed no little talent in their songs, dances, character sketches and local hits. John Hulme of Lawrence was the piano accompanist. A recitation by Miss Bessie Wells of town, and another by Mr. Lovejoy of Andover concluded the programme. Mrs. G. I. Dickey gave a song. The committee of arrangements were Messrs. E. E. Chesley, J. W. Lietch and W. H. Somerville.

Relatives, friends and old neighbors formed a large gathering in St. Michael's Church about ten o'clock, Saturday morning, all being drawn closely together by the last services over Mrs. Ellen Queally. Rev. M. T. McManus, assisted by Rev. John Cronley and Rev. Fr. Hamilton celebrated a solemn high mass of requiem.

On the casket rested two simple floral tributes, an ivy wreath from D. D. Mahoney of Lawrence, and a cluster of Easter lilies from Mrs. J. M. Stone of town. At the conclusion of the church ceremony, the hymn "Cross and Crown" was finely rendered by M. J. Mahoney of Lawrence.

The bearers were D. D. Mahoney, John Hart of Lawrence, Patrick Lynch, James Lawler, T. J. Murphy, Michael Regan of town. A long procession wound its way to the cemetery of Immaculate Conception, Lawrence, where the body was laid at rest beside her husband.

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Order of Lenten Services at St. Paul's Church.

During Lent the services at St. Paul's Church will be as follows: Ash Wednesday, evening service and sermon at 7.45 o'clock; Sundays, morning prayer and sermon at 10.30, Sunday School at 12. evening prayer and historical address at 7 o'clock; Holy Communion, Sunday, 11.45; Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7.45 P. M.; Easter Day at 9 and 11. A. M. Week days: Friday, at 7.45, evening prayer and sermon, Feb. 28, Rev. Frederic Palmer, of Christ Church, Andover; March 6, Rev. Augustine H. Armory, Grace Church, Lawrence; March 13, Rev. Robert B. Parker of St. James Church, Providence, R. I.; March 20, Rev. M. H. Gates, Church of the Ascension, Ipswich; March 27, Rev. J. Franklin Carter, of St. Mark's Church, Fall River. Holy week: Evening prayer with address Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Parish House at 7.45 o'clock; Maundy Thursday at 7.45 Holy Communion and sermon; Good Friday at 7.45 litany, penitential office and sermon. Easter Day: Holy Communion at 9 A. M. and 7.45 P. M.; morning prayer and sermon at 10.30; Sunday School at 12.15; children's service and rite of baptism at 3.30; evening prayer at 7 o'clock.

Attention is called to the excellent list of Friday evening preachers, and it is hoped that the members of the church will show their appreciation of the kind services of neighboring clergymen by a large and faithful attendance. All Christians of the community are cordially invited to any or all of the Lenten services. It is hoped that all who are communicants of the church and especially those who have been negligent of their duty at the communion will be present on Maundy Thursday and Easter Day.

Obituary.

JOHN FARNHAM STEVENS.

Monday morning, just before seven o'clock, John F. Stevens, a most honored and exemplary citizen and resident of Main Street, completed the journey of life, having just closed his 88th year. About two weeks previous to his death, he had been in his usual health and his last illness caused no especial alarm to the immediate family or his physician, until within a very few days, and the end was then due to no particular ailment, but rather to debility incident to age.

Mr. Stevens was born at the Centre in the old house, long since removed, which stood on the Hannah Osgood farm on Salem Street near the Capt. Cheever residence, Feb. 1, 1810. His father was Capt. Phineas Stevens, a prominent millwright of his time, and was also identified with the war of 1812, having raised a company of soldiers to assist in advancing the rights of his country. His mother was Rebecca Farnham, and the names of both his father's and mother's relatives are largely concerned and interwoven in town history.

The trade of millwright seems to have been one to which several generations of this family were attracted or particularly fitted.

Mr. Stevens, of whom we write, obtained such an education as was afforded by our town schools and afterwards followed the family trade, that of a millwright. He was employed in the construction of the Bay State mill and others in Lawrence, had to do with the planning of mills in Billerica and other places in New England as well as in town until about 1880 when he practically retired from heavy labor. He was a very thorough and capable mechanic, what he did he did well and conscientiously; what he built was built for permanence and endurance. In life it was not his custom to multiply words, he was modest and retiring in speech and behavior, not self-assertive, although quietly determined. He was a man of few words, yet the words when spoken meant something. He apparently planned his thoughts as he did his work, that when completed, nothing should be lacking.

His first wife was Lydia Farnham Holt of Waterville, Me., and Mrs. Mary Frances Miles of Ashland, Wis., is the surviving daughter of this marriage.

October 3, 1842, he chose for his companion Mary Boyd Flanders, who died Dec. 4, 1890. The surviving children of this marriage are Miss Maria F. Stevens, and Messrs. John Stevens of town and George Stevens of Lawrence.

He built the Main Street residence in 1830, which, with the exception of about one year, when it was occupied by the late George L. Davis and family, has since been his home. The home life and its influences were attractive to him so that evening would rarely find him absent from the fireside; yet he was ever ready to kindly serve a neighbor and enjoyed receiving a call from a long time neighbor or friend.

He was a thoroughly moral man but associated himself neither with fraternal societies or any church as organizations. When he attended church he chose the Unitarian. His life was not one of profession, it was enlarged by exemplification, it was one quite perpendicular and honorable.

His loss in the home and community will be felt from the unobtrusiveness of his life. Death has within a short time taken away the heads of three neighboring families on Main Street.

Funeral services, brief and simple in nature, consisting of scripture and selections, reading of an appropriate poem, concluding with a prayer of consolation, were conducted by Rev. Charles Noyes, at the late home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The attendance included the friends and neighbors of many years. On the casket rested a sheaf of wheat indicative of a well rounded life. Messrs. George Stevens, of Lawrence, and John Stevens of town, two sons, and Abijah P. Fuller of town, and Augustus G. Stevens of Manchester, N. H., two nephews, were bearers. After a prayer of committal at the grave the interment occurred in Ridgewood Cemetery.

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Republican Caucus.

The caucus for the republican voters of town was held in the Town Hall Friday evening, and was well attended. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the town committee at 7.45 o'clock. N. P. Frye was chosen chairman, M. S. Jenkins, secretary, F. A. Coan, assistant to the secretary.

An indefinite number of names were proposed for each office, from the floor, the names being transferred from the secretary's list to a large sheet of paper, each sheet being placed in plain view of the voters and left for a few minutes. One sheet was used for each office then it was removed to another part of the hall, where subsequently all the names that had been proposed for any office could be seen by the voters. Blanks, on which were printed only the designations of the respective offices, were distributed, on which could be written any of the candidates proposed by the meeting or any candidate which the individual might choose to write.

Just an even hundred more votes were cast than at the caucus of the previous evening, the number Friday evening being 112, the names checked on the list corresponding. The declaration of the vote occurred a few minutes before midnight and a tie vote for the office of assessor between E. W. Greene and L. Edgar Osgood necessitated another vote and the polls were kept open until 12.40 o'clock Saturday morning. Seventeen votes were cast, E. W. Greene had 10, L. E. Osgood 7, and Mr. Greene was the nominee.

The final result was declared: Moderator, N. P. Frye; clerk, J. W. Lietch; treasurer, Geo. H. Perkins; selectmen, A. A. Currier, W. H. Hayes, L. Edgar Osgood; collector, E. S. Colby; assessors, A. A. Currier, W. H. Hayes, Edward W. Greene; school committee for 3 years, M. G. Carleton, overseers, A. A. Currier, W. H. Hayes, E. W. Greene; road commissioner for three years, J. C. Poor; auditor, C. H. Robinson; trustee public library for 3 years, E. E. Chesley; water commissioners for three years, G. L. Barker, 2 years, H. W. Field; park commissioner for three years, Frank H. Drew; constables, F. A. Coan, H. R. Smith, O. A. Badger, Jos. Leighton, E. S. Robinson. The result showed the endorsement of 13 democratic nominees.

The question of making nominations for a board of health, consisting of three members to serve for 3 years, 2 years and one year respectively, arose. The town had previously declared, and never has revoked its decision, to elect the board by ballot. Legislative enactment changed simply the tenure of office from 1 year to 3 years, 2 years and 1 year respectively, and by special act gave the town a right to choose a board of health by ballot at the annual or a special meeting, for the terms of office last named. The selectmen refused upon legal advice or instruction to insert in their warrant for the election of town officers, a board of health, and an article had to be inserted upon petition of legal voters to give the town any voice in the matter whatever. Selectmen Currier called for a ruling of the chair on the question and the chair supported the legal opinion and ruled that the caucus could not nominate candidates for this office to go on the official or other ballot to be voted for at town meeting, notwithstanding the fact that Representative Halliday and others had legal opinions from under the "dome," which were directly contrary. However, as the selectmen evidently obtained their advice or instruction from the same quarter as the ruling and as the office upon failure of the town to elect passes into the hands of the selectmen, any other decision could hardly have been expected under the circumstances.

Messrs. M. S. Jenkins and T. P. Wentworth served as tellers, and E. W. Moody, Arthur Meserve, John Duncan H. C. Osgood, J. B. Lewis, L. S. Ellis, H. S. Stillings and H. M. Whittier counted the ballots.

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PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Henry A. Gould, late of Andover, in said County, you are notified, that a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by John W. Wells and Lydia H. Caldwell, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bonds.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Salem, in said County of Essex, on the sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1896, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, ROLLIN E. HARRON, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

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